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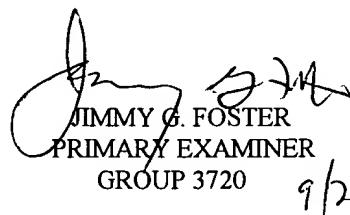
NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE RESPONSE

The terminal disclaimer filed on Aug. 3, 2001, which limits the patent term that will result from this application, based upon the term of U.S. Pat. No. 6,119,853, is effective to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-5 and 11 made with respect to Patent No. 6,119,853.

However, the application claims 1-5 and 11 were also rejected with respect to U.S. Pat. No. 6,179,118. But Applicant has not filed an additional terminal disclaimer to limit the patent term (of the patent from this application) based upon Patent No. 6,179,118. Moreover, if a terminal disclaimer was not intended to be filed, Applicant has not argued against the soundness of the rejection or amended the claims (with argument) in an attempt to overcome the rejection.

Accordingly, Applicant's response is incomplete, and the reply filed on Aug. 3, 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).


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Attachment for PTO-948 (Rev. 03/01, or earlier)

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The below text replaces the pre-printed text under the heading, "Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes," on the back of the PTO-948 (Rev. 03/01, or earlier) form.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES

1. Correction of Informalities -- 37 CFR 1.85

New corrected drawings must be filed with the changes incorporated therein. Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the title of the invention, inventor's name, and application number, or docket number (if any) if an application number has not been assigned to the application. If this information is provided, it must be placed on the front of each sheet and centered within the top margin. If corrected drawings are required in a Notice of Allowability (PTO-37), the new drawings **MUST** be filed within the **THREE MONTH** shortened statutory period set for reply in the Notice of Allowability. Extensions of time may NOT be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b) for filing the corrected drawings after the mailing of a Notice of Allowability. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

2. Corrections other than Informalities Noted by Draftsperson on form PTO-948.

All changes to the drawings, other than informalities noted by the Draftsperson, **MUST** be made in the same manner as above except that, normally, a highlighted (preferably red ink) sketch of the changes to be incorporated into the new drawings **MUST** be approved by the examiner before the application will be allowed. No changes will be permitted to be made, other than correction of informalities, unless the examiner has approved the proposed changes.

Timing of Corrections

Applicant is required to submit the drawing corrections within the time period set in the attached Office communication. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the application.